

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

What does it mean that we belong to God? One priest answered this question in the following down-to-earth way:

It is not all about doing; it's mostly about receiving. It's especially about learning to recognize the simple gifts that God gives so generously: prayer, time, breath, silence, friendship, water, food and so forth. But somewhere along the way we learned to amp up everything:

A juicy apple is not good enough; we want sugar, distilled and intensified and injected into our foods.

Wine is not strong enough; we want spirits.

Water isn't good enough; we want coffee, tea or soda.

Air isn't good enough; we want tobacco smoke, or marijuana.

Music isn't good enough unless it blasts your ears into insensibility.

Marriage isn't enough; we want pornography, adultery, or fornication.

Even life itself seems to be not enough; we want so many "crazy things," and in this often-deadly process, more and more, especially young people who disappear into the vortex of addiction, depression, despair, and even suicide. So evil is real. Moreover, it seems every pleasure we have has been intensified by technology. Often, experiencing these extreme pleasures, we simply forfeit the image and likeness of God in our souls. So how can we remedy this situation? We can leave these things behind and go into the wilderness with Jesus. He shows us the delight of his own company first, and the pleasure of our company. We can learn, perhaps for the first time, what it means to "enjoy yourself," for ultimately, we all are seeking that eternal rest with the Lord who is our endless delight. Yes, we come from God, and we ought to do anything we can to return to this divine source of our being without too many spiritual wounds.

P.S. *Perhaps we are not to become successful but to achieve significance, because being stupid is no excuse and arrogance is not an asset in the long run, for as St. Irenaeus of Lyons once said, "With God nothing is empty of meaning."*

Fr. Slawek

February 16, 2025



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Turning concern into action

Our Christian vocation demands that we help the Poor, the Hungry and the Homeless. Just as Jesus taught and did, we need to welcome them, identify their needs and satisfy them.

Your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass support the efforts of our Society 'Saint Vincent de Paul' to serve the needy in our community.

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS
THANK YOU !

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

To the parishioner who has not picked up their 2025 envelopes you have until the end of February. As of March 1 the number assigned to you will be removed from the system and assigned to someone else.

YOUR HEALTH : As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence. Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 18

9 a.m. Intentions of Clift Jordan Beltran req. by Winnie Cabellero.

Wednesday, February 19

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Samuel Johns req. by the Johns family.

Thursday, February 20

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Friday, February 21

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Marita Salvosa req. by Winnie Caballero.

Saturday, February 22

4:30p.m Intentions of Mandy Constantino req. by Maria Valerio

Sunday, February 23

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Silvestro DeLaurentis req. by the DeLaurentis family.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, February 19 2025
After the 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Basement

2024 Tax Receipt

Attention all Parishioners: 2024 Tax receipts will be **mailed out the first week of March**. If you would like to pick up your receipt from the parish office before it is mailed out, the tax receipt will be **available for pick up February 24—27, 2025**.



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.

A PENNY FOR YOUR
THOUGHTS...

FIVE BUCKS IF
YOU KEEP YOURS
TO YOURSELF.